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RESPONSE AND MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

Friends of Jon Bruning, C00433193, ("Bruning 2008") ("Respondent"), files this Response to the Complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") by Laura Wigley on behalf of the Nebraska Democratic Party ("the Complainant") alleging a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Respondent affirmatively states that there has been no violation of the Act, as evidenced by the exhibits to the Complaint. There being no reason to believe that a violation has been committed by the Respondent, the Complaint should be dismissed.

It should be noted at the outset that the Complainant did not file a complaint against Bruning 2008. Rather, the complaint names as Respondents the "Bruning 2012 Exploratory Committee" and the "Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee".¹ The Commission served Bruning 2008 and this response is filed on behalf of that entity.

The complaint sets forth no violation of the Act by Bruning 2008, or by its affiliated entities, the Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee ("Bruning Exploratory Account") or Bruning for Senate, Inc., as more fully described below.

¹ The testing the waters account established by Jon Bruning in December, 2007 was established as the Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee, referenced herein as the "Bruning Exploratory Account". An operating account for the testing the waters effort was opened in November, 2010. The testing the waters effort / account is now formally filed as Bruning for Senate, Inc., the principle authorized committee of Jon C. Bruning, candidate for the United States Senate from Nebraska in the 2012 election.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

The following are the facts of this matter:

1. Respondent Friends of Jon Bruning, C00433193, (Bruning 2008), filed its Statement of Organization on March 14, 2007, as an exploratory committee. See Exhibit #1, Statement of Organization for Bruning 2008.
2. On June 13, 2007, Jon Bruning filed his Statement of Candidacy for the 2008 United States Senate seat from Nebraska. See Exhibit #2, Form 2, Statement of Candidacy.
3. On June 12, 2007, the Bruning 2008 Exploratory Committee amended its Statement of Organization to become a candidate committee. Thereafter, Bruning 2008 was the principal authorized campaign committee of Jon Bruning. See Exhibit #3, Amended Form 1, Statement of Organization of Bruning 2008.
4. Bruning 2008 reported to the Commission pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §434 and 11 C.F.R. §§104.3 and 104.5. See Exhibit #4, Index to Reports of Friends of Jon Bruning (Bruning 2008).
5. On or about November 19, 2007, Jon Bruning determined that he would not, after all, be a candidate for the United States Senate in 2008. See Exhibit #5, Affidavit of Jon Bruning.
6. During the time period of his contemplated and actual candidacy during 2007, Mr. Bruning raised \$1,017,484 in contributions, of which \$827,384 was contributed for the 2008 primary election and \$190,100 was contributed for the 2008 general election. All receipts and disbursements related to his 2008 candidacy were duly reported to the Commission as required by law. See Exhibit #4, Index to Reports of Friends of Jon Bruning (Bruning 2008).

7. In December 2007, Mr. Bruning sought professional legal advice from an expert in federal campaign finance law (a former member and Chairman of the Federal Election Commission), asking how to handle the winding down of the affairs of the 2008 committee in such a manner as to maintain the publicly disclosed hard-dollar funds contributed to his aborted 2008 campaign for a potential future federal campaign. See Exhibit #5, *Affidavit of Jon Bruning*.
8. Counsel provided expert guidance to Mr. Bruning regarding the steps to follow insofar as how to handle the funds raised in 2007 and how to proceed with respect to a future potential federal candidacy, at that point unspecified. Specifically, Mr. Bruning was advised to take the following steps:
 - Create a new bank account to serve as a 'testing the waters' ("TTW") account for a future federal election;
 - Transfer the Primary 2008 funds from Bruning 2008 to the TTW account;
 - Send letters to all 2008 general election donors notifying them of their right to a refund or, in the alternative, seeking their redesignation of their 2008 General election contribution to the TTW account for a possible future federal election;
 - Notify the FEC of the intentions regarding these actions; and
 - Terminate the Bruning 2008 Committee.

See Exhibit #5, Affidavit of Jon Bruning

9. Relying on the step by step outline from his counsel at the time, Mr. Bruning's duly appointed campaign reporting officers established the Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee ("Bruning Exploratory Account") on December 7, 2007, in accordance with the regulations of the Commission governing testing the waters. The only difference was that, in this case, *all* funds deposited into the Bruning Explosatory Account had already been reported to the Commission by Bruning 2008. See Exhibit #4, Index to FEC Reports of Friends of Jon Bruning (Bruning 2008) and Exhibit #6, *Affidavit of Mark Pedersen, Assistant Treasurer, Bruning 2008 and Bruning for Senate, Inc.*

10. On January 29, 2008, Bruning 2008 notified the Commission by letter describing exactly how it was proceeding with respect to the termination of Bruning 2008 and the disposition of the excess funds by transfer to the Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee, a testing the waters account ("Bruning Exploratory Account"). See Exhibit # 7, Letter to FEC from Douglas Ayer, Treasurer
11. The Commission terminated Bruning 2008 on February 19, 2008. See Exhibit #8, Notice of Termination of Friends of Jon Bruning (Bruning 2008).
12. Bruning 2008 reported to the Commission that on December 31, 2007, it had transferred \$677,251.49 to the Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee. See Exhibit # 9, pp. 1, 2, 4 and 75, Bruning 2008 Termination / Year-End 2007 Report.
13. There were no additional contributions to the Bruning Exploratory Account from and after the date it was established on December 7, 2007 until November 5, 2010. The only receipts into the Bruning Exploratory Account during this period were bank interest. See Exhibit #6, Affidavit of Mark Pedersen.
14. The amount transferred to the Bruning Exploratory Account consisted solely of federally regulated funds remaining from the 2008 Primary election and 2008 General Election contributions from donors who redesignated their contributions to the Bruning Exploratory Account. All contributions to the Bruning Exploratory Account were publicly disclosed and reported to the Commission. See Exhibit #6, Affidavit of Mark Pedersen.
15. Bruning 2008 refunded \$22,800 in General Election 2008 contributions to donors requesting refunds as reported to the Commission in its 2007 Year-End / Termination report. See Exhibit #10, Bruning 2008 Termination / Year-End 2007 Report, pages 1-2, 4, 76-80.

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16. All funds transferred from Bruning 2008 to the Bruning Exploratory Account were hard dollar contributions, all of which was disclosed to the Federal Election Commission over multiple reports. See Exhibit #5, Affidavit of Jon Bruning, Exhibit #6, Affidavit of Mark Pedersen, Exhibit #4, Index to FEC Reports of Friends of Jon Bruning (Bruning 2008).
 17. Mr. Bruning initiated testing the waters activities for the 2012 election on Nov 5, 2010. See Exhibit # 5, Affidavit of Jon Bruning.
 18. A new operating account (2012 Exploratory Account) for testing the waters activities was opened on November 5, 2010 and funds from the Bruning Exploratory Account were transferred to this checking account. See Exhibit #6, Affidavit of Mark Pedersen.
 19. The amounts transferred into the 2012 Exploratory operating account consisted of \$448, 349.52 in funds remaining from the 2008 Primary election, plus accumulated interest. All contributions had been previously reported to the FEC. See Exhibit #6, Affidavit of Mark Pedersen
 20. On December 17, 2010, Bruning Exploratory Account transferred \$162,383.24 to the 2012 Exploratory operating account, consisting of funds contributed to the 2008 General Election which had been redesignated to the Bruning Exploratory Account and the additional interest from November and December 2010. All contributions had been previously disclosed to the FEC in reports filed by Bruning 2008. See Exhibit #6, Affidavit of Mark Pedersen.
 21. On January 6, 2011, Mr. Bruning filed his Form 2, Statement of Candidacy for the 2012 United States Senate seat from Nebraska. See Exhibit #11, Statement of Candidacy of Jon C. Bruning.
 22. Mr. Bruning's final decision to seek election to the United States Senate in 2012 was contemporaneous with the filing of his January 6, 2011 Form 2, Statement of Candidacy. See Exhibit #5, Affidavit of Jon Bruning.

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23. On January 6, 2012, Mr. Pedersen filed the Form 1, Statement of Organization for the Bruning for Senate Committee, Inc., the principal authorized committee of Jon C. Bruning, candidate for the United States Senate from Nebraska. See Exhibit #12, Form 1, Bruning for Senate, Inc.

24. The first filing for Bruning for Senate, Inc. will be the April 2011 Quarterly Report, which will reflect the funds from the Bruning Exploratory / TTW Account which have all been previously reported to the FEC, interest earned on the TTW account and any and all new receipts and disbursements since the 2012 testing the waters activities commenced on November 5, 2010.

LEGAL ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS

Applying the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") to the facts set forth above, there is no reason to believe that a violation of the Act has been committed by Respondent or any of its affiliated entities.

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The Bruning Exploratory Account was established as a "Testing The Waters" account, authorized by Jon Bruning and operated in accordance with 11 C.F.R. §100.72.

The Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee ("Bruning Exploratory Account") was established in Desember, 2007 as a testing the waters account, authorized by Mr. Bruning for the purpose of exploring a possible future federal candidacy. The funds were transferred from Bruning 2008 to the Bruning Exploratory Account for that purpose, and consisted of two 'types' of funds:

- Excess funds (after campaign expenses) from contributions to the 2008 Primary election, and
- Contributions to the 2008 General Election, which were redesignated by the donors to the Bruning Exploratory Account.

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All of the funds transferred to the testing the waters account had been received from permissible sources as defined by 2 U.S.C. §§441a (A)(1) and (2)(a) during the 2007 period in which Mr. Bruning was considering and then seeking the Senate seat from Nebraska.

All of the funds transferred to the testing the waters account were from contributions reported to the FEC by Bruning 2008 pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §§434(b)(2)and (3).

Donors to the 2008 General Election were notified by letter of the requirement that their contributions to the 2008 General Election could either be refunded to them or, alternatively, that the donors would be permitted to redesignate their contributions in writing to the Bruning Exploratory Account. Those donors requesting refunds received them.

The redesignation letters were sent to donors on or about December 12, 2007, in keeping with the procedures outlined in FEC Advisory Opinion 1992-15. In that opinion, the Commission allowed a congressional candidate who had lost the primary to send redesignation letters to general election donors, even though the letters were sent after the expiration of the timeframe for refunding contributions not redesignated within sixty (60) days when the candidate was not a candidate in the general election. "It is not until the results of the primary election are announced that the treasurer has actual notice of the need to obtain redesignations to the extent permissible for the primary, obtain redesignations for the next election, or refund the contribution. Up until the primary date, such contributions could be made and retained, subject to the conditions of 11 C.F.R. §102.9(e)." See AO 1992-15.

Similarly, in this situation, the treasurer of Bruning 2008 had no notice of the requirement to obtain written redesignations of 2008 General Election contributions until November 19, 2007, when Mr. Bruning announced his decision *not* to seek the United States Senate seat from Nebraska in 2008. Following the Commission's guidance in AO 1992-15, Bruning 2008 sent redesignation letters to all 2008 General Election donors within thirty (30) days following the November announcement that Mr. Bruning's candidacy had been suspended. A copy of the redesignation letter is attached to this filing. See Exhibit #13, December 12, Letter to Bruning 2008 General Election Donors and Exhibit #14, Sample Redesignation Form for 2008 General Election Donors.

II.

The FEC was apprised of the procedures being followed by Bruning 2008 in establishing an exploratory / testing the waters account and should be estopped from now penalizing Friends of Jon Bruning and/or its affiliated entities for any inadvertent or technical errors.

Bruning 2008 took all reasonable steps to fully advise the FEC and the public of the establishment of the Bruning Exploratory Account and that it was transferring funds from Bruning 2008 to the now testing the waters account.

Respondent has provided two exhibits reflecting the public filings and notices to the Commission of the actions being taken with respect to the funds contributed to Bruning 2008:

- Exhibit #9, Page 79, 2007 Year End Report of Friends of Jon Bruning shows clearly on Schedule B of Itemized Disbursements a "Transfer to Authorized Committee", identified as the Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee, PO Box 84614, Lincoln, NE, in the amount of \$677,251.49.
- Exhibit #7, January 29, 2008 from Douglas Ayer, a letter to the Commission advising that "Funds designated by contributors for the Primary election were transferred to an exploratory committee for a future election and funds designated for the General election were either refunded to the contributor, or, if the contributor requested in writing, redesignated to the exploratory committee for a future election."

One month after the filing of the Termination Report and the receipt by the FEC of the letter referenced above, the Commission terminated Friends of Jon Bruning, (Bruning 2008). Every step taken by Bruning 2008 with respect to funds remaining from the 2008 Primary and General Elections has been in accordance with applicable FEC regulations, discussions with the FEC, advice of legal counsel and with full disclosure to the Commission.

If the process established by Bruning 2008 was incorrect or somehow flawed, then Bruning 2008 should have been advised by the FEC of that fact then.

While the general rule is that equitable estoppel is not applicable against the government regardless of the actions of its agents, that rule is not without exception. Courts have recognized that equitable estoppel is appropriate under certain limited circumstances as applied to agencies of the government. Several factors giving rise to estoppel are present in this case: "(1) a misrepresentation by an agent of the United States acting within the apparent scope of his duties;

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(2) the absence of contrary knowledge by the taxpayer in circumstances where he may reasonably act in reliance; (3) actual reliance; (4) detriment; and (5) a factual context in which the absence of equitable relief would be unconscionable." See Tonkonogy v. United States of America, 417 F. Supp. 78 (S.D. N.Y., 1976), (internal citations omitted).

The FEC accepted the Termination of Bruning 2008 after having been fully advised of the transfer of funds to the Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee. The FEC's acceptance was relied upon by Mr. Bruning and Bruning Exploratory Account officers, who fully believed the FEC had blessed through its actions the process put in place three years ago.

Bruning 2008, Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee and Bruning for Senate, Inc. cannot and should not now be penalized for doing exactly what they were advised to do in 2007, which was fully disclosed to and, apparently, accepted by the Commission. The Commission should be estopped from pursuing the spurious claims of Mr. Bruning's political opponents after having accepted the very actions of which those opponents now complain.

IV.

All funds transferred to the Bruning Exploratory Account were from contributions reported to the FEC by Bruning 2008 as required by 2 U.S.C. §434 and the regulations of the Commission

The entire amount transferred to the Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee were dollars reported to the FEC during 2007 on the Bruning 2008 Committee's July and October Quarterly Reports, and its Year End 2007 / Termination Report. No contributions were received from any source not previously reported to the FEC.

No contributions from impermissible sources and no excessive contributions were received by Bruning 2008 as evidenced from the Committee's FEC reports. The allegations in the complaint that there are funds in the Bruning Exploratory Account that were 'not disclosed' are false; every contribution from each donor was timely disclosed to the FEC in 2007 and 2008, and is a matter of public record.

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V.

All contributions and disbursements since the commencement of the 2012 testing the waters activities on November 5, 2010 will be duly reported on the April 2011 Quarterly Report of Bruning for Senate, Inc.

Bruning for Senate, Inc. filed its Statement of Organization on January 6, 2011. Mr. Bruning filed his Statement of Candidacy on January 6, 2011 pursuant to 11 C.F.R. §100.3(a) and designated Bruning for Senate, Inc. as his principal authorized committee. See 11 C.F.R. §101.1(a). Receipts of all funds received and expenditures made by the testing the waters account since Mr. Bruning's pre-candidacy activities recommenced on November 5, 2010 have been recorded and will be reflected on the first Bruning for Senate, Inc. FEC report due to be filed on April 15, 2011, as required by 11 C.F.R. §101.3.

No impermissible contributions or contributions from prohibited sources have been received by Bruning Exploratory Account or Bruning for Senate, Inc., as will be evidenced by the April 2011 Quarterly Report of Bruning for Senate, Inc.

CONCLUSION

There is no reason to believe that Friends of Jon Bruning, C00433193, the Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee, Bruning for Senate, Inc. or Jon Bruning have violated the Act. All contributions received by the Bruning Exploratory Account from the 2008 election cycle have been fully disclosed to the FEC, and all testing the waters receipts, contributions and expenditures will be duly reported on the first FEC report required to be filed by Bruning for Senate, Inc. on April 15, 2011.

The process followed by Bruning 2008 in terminating and transferring its balance of excess funds from the 2008 election cycle was designed upon advice of legal counsel and with full disclosure to and acceptance by the Commission at the time.

For these reasons, the Commission should dismiss the complaint and find that there is no reason to believe that the Respondent (or any of its affiliated entities) have violated the Act.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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Counsel for Respondent
Friends of Jon Bruning C00433193,
Treasurer

Submitted this 22d day of February, 2011

Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

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EXHIBIT 1

Friends of Jon Bruning
PO Box 540013
Omaha, NE 68154

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
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March 15, 2007

Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
232 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-7116

Madam Secretary:

Enclosed is FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization for the "Friends of Jon Bruning" Senate Exploratory Committee.

Also enclosed is a self-addressed return envelope for your use in returning a stamped copy of the form.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-438-2400.

Sincerely,



Mark Pedersen
Assistant Treasurer

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FEC
FORM 1

STATEMENT OF
ORGANIZATION

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
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Other Use Only

1. NAME OF
COMMITTEE (in full)

(Check if name
is changed)

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over the lines.

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FRIENDS OF JIM BUNNING

P.O. Box 550013

ADDRESS (number and street)

(Check if address
is changed)

Omaha

NE 168154-1

CITY □

STATE □

ZIP CODE □

COMMITTEE'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

JIM@JIMBUNNING.EDU

COMMITTEE'S WEB PAGE ADDRESS (URL)

WWW.JIMBUNNING.COM

COMMITTEE'S FAX NUMBER

402-4638-10893

2. DATE 23 15 2007

3. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER □

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4. IS THIS STATEMENT NEW (N) OR AMENDED (A)

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer MARK PEPESEN, ASST. TREASURER

Signature of Treasurer

Mark Peppesen

Date

03 15 2007

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Political Election Coordinator
Toll Free 800-434-5950
Local 202-294-1100

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3. TYPE OF COMMITTEE (Check One)

- (a) This committee is a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.) *✓*
- (b) This committee is an authorized committee, and is NOT a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)

Name of Candidate

Ward BRUNING

Candidate Party Affiliation

REP

Office Sought:

House

Senate

President

State:

ME

District:

EXPLORATORY

- (c) This committee supports/opposes only one candidate, and is NOT an authorized committee.

Name of Candidate

[REDACTED]

- (d) This committee is a [REDACTED] (National, State or subordinate) committee of the [REDACTED] (Democratic, Republican, etc.) Party.
- (e) This committee is a separate segregated fund.
- (f) This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate, and is NOT a separate segregated fund or party committee.

4. Name of Any Connected Organization or Affiliated Committee

WardIE

Mailing Address

*[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]*

CITY □

STATE □

ZIP CODE □

Relationship

[REDACTED]

Type of Connected Organization:

Corporation

Corporation w/o Capital Stock

Labor Organization

Membership Organization

Trade Association

Cooperative

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Write or Type Committee Name

FRIENDS OF JON BRUNING

7. Custodian of Records: Identify by name, address (phone number -- optional) and position of the person in possession of committee books and records.

Full Name MARK PEDERSON

Mailing Address P.O. BOX 540013

Omaha NE 68159

Title or Position ▼

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

ASST. TREASURER

Telephone number (402-438-1240)

8. Treasurer: List the name and address (phone number -- optional) of the treasurer of the committee; and the name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer).

Full Name of Treasurer MARK PEDERSON

Mailing Address P.O. BOX 540013

Omaha NE 68159

Title or Position ▼

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

TREASURER

Telephone number (402-438-1240)

Full Name of Designated Agent

MARK PEDERSON

Mailing Address

P.O. BOX 540013

Omaha NE 68159

Title or Position ▼

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

ASST. TREASURER

Telephone number (402-438-1240)

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2. Banks or Other Depositories: List all banks or other depositories to which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank, Depository, etc. *✓*

PIMMAGUS BANK

Mailing Address

1631 31/ M BODGE ROAD

CITY □

STATE □

ZIP CODE □

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.

Mailing Address

CITY □

STATE □

ZIP CODE □

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EXHIBIT 2

FEC FORM 2
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

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1. (a) Name of Candidate (in full) Jon Bruning		2. Identification Number	
(b) Address (number and street) PO Box 540013		3. Is This Statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New (N) OR <input type="checkbox"/> Amended (A)	
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code OMAHA NE 68154		4. Party Affiliation REP	
5. Office Sought SENATE		6. State & District of Candidate NE	

DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

7. I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the **2008** election(s).
(year of election)

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the appropriate office listed in the instructions.

- (a) Name of Committee (in full)

FRIENDS OF Jon BRUNING

- (b) Address (number and street)

PO Box 540013

- (c) City, State, and ZIP Code

OMAHA NE 68154

DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

(Including Joint Fundraising Representatives)

8. I hereby authorize the following named committee, which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy.

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the principal campaign committee.

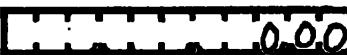
- (a) Name of Committee (in full)

- (b) Address (number and street)

- (c) City, State, and ZIP Code

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO EXPEND PERSONAL FUNDS (House or Senate Only)

9. I intend to expend personal funds exceeding the threshold amount (see 11 C.F.R. 400.9) by

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for the primary election, and

GA  0.00

for the general election.

If you do not intend to expend personal funds exceeding the threshold amount for either election, you must enter "0.00" for each.

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Candidate



Date

6-12-07

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EXHIBIT 3

Friends of Jon Bruning
PO Box 540013
Omaha, NE 68154

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
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June 12, 2007

Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
232 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-7116

Madam Secretary:

Enclosed is the amended FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization for the "Friends of Jon Bruning" Senate Exploratory Committee. This amended form reflects the change from an exploratory committee to a candidate committee on June 7, 2007.

Also included is the completed FEC Form 2 Statement of Candidacy.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 402.438.2400.

Sincerely,



Mark Pedersen
Assistant Treasurer

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FEC
FORM 1

STATEMENT OF
ORGANIZATION

Friends of John Birnbing

SENATE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS
Office Use Only 06-19-07 RD

1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) (Check if name is changed) Example: If typing, type over the lines.

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FRIENDS OF JOHN BIRNBLING

ADDRESS (number and street) P.O. BOX 15410013

(Check if address is changed)

OMAHA

NE 68154

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

COMMITTEE'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

JOHN@JOHNBIRNBLING.COM

COMMITTEE'S WEB PAGE ADDRESS (URL)

WWW.JOHNBIRNBLING.COM

COMMITTEE'S FAX NUMBER

(402) 438-10403

2. DATE 06/12/2007

3. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ►

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4. IS THIS STATEMENT NEW (N) OR AMENDED (A)

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer MARK PEDERSEN ASST. TREASURER

Signature of Treasurer Mark Pedersen

Date 06/12/2007

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5. TYPE OF COMMITTEE (Check One)

- (a) This committee is a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
- (b) This committee is an authorized committee, and is NOT a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)

Name of Candidate

JOHN BRUNNING

Candidate Party Affiliation

REP

Office Sought:

House

Senate

President

State

N.C.

District

(c) This committee supports/opposes only one candidate, and is NOT an authorized committee.

Name of Candidate

(d) This committee is a (National, State or subordinate) committee of the (Democratic, Republican, etc.) Party.

(e) This committee is a separate segregated fund.

(f) This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate, and is NOT a separate segregated fund or party committee.

6. Name of Any Connected Organization or Affiliated Committee

NONE

Mailing Address

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

Relationship

Type of Connected Organization:

Corporation

Corporation w/o Capital Stock

Labor Organization

Membership Organization

Trade Association

Cooperative

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Write or Type Committee Name

Friends of Jon Bruning

7. Custodian of Records: Identify by name, address (phone number - optional) and position of the person in possession of committee books and records.

Full Name MARK PEDERSEN

Mailing Address P.O. Box 540613

OMAHA NE 68154

Title or Position ▼ CITY ▲ STATE ▲ ZIP CODE ▲

ASST. TREASURER Telephone number 402-438-12400

8. Treasurer: List the name and address (phone number - optional) of the treasurer of the committee; and the name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer).

Full Name of Treasurer DONALD A. MAYER

Mailing Address P.O. Box 540613

OMAHA NE 68154

Title or Position ▼ CITY ▲ STATE ▲ ZIP CODE ▲

TREASURER Telephone number 402-438-12400

Full Name of Designated Agent MARK PEDERSEN

Mailing Address P.O. Box 540613

OMAHA NE 68154

Title or Position ▼ CITY ▲ STATE ▲ ZIP CODE ▲

ASST. TREASURER Telephone number 402-438-12400

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9. Banks or Other Depositories: List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.

SS-54

PINNACLE BANK

Mailing Address

113131 WEST DODGE ROAD

OMAHA

NE 68154

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.

Mailing Address

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

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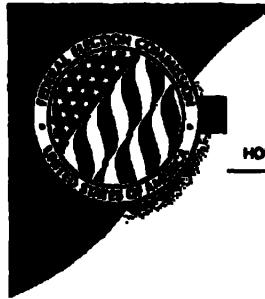
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FRIENDS OF JON BRUNING

PO BOX 84614
LINCOLN, NE 68501

Treasurer Name: DOUGLAS AYER
 Committee Designation: P (PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE OF A CANDIDATE)
 Committee Type: S (SENATE)
 Candidate State: NE (Nebraska)

CANDIDATE:
BRUNING, JON C ID: S8NE00091

Candidate listings may appear here as a result of draft committees or independent expenditure committees registering with the FEC. If no official documents of an authorized committee appear below, the individual identified here has taken no action to become a candidate.

Year 2008							
Document Filed	Amended	Filed On	From Date	End Date	Pages	Display Report Page By Page	Display Full Report
TERMINATION APPROVAL		02/19/2008			2	280395640574	PDF
Year 2007							
Document Filed	Amended	Filed On	From Date	End Date	Pages	Display Report Page By Page	Display Full Report
STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION		03/14/2007			6	270201033027	PDF
STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION	AMEND	05/13/2007			6	270201952057	PDF
JULY QUARTERLY		07/12/2007	03/15/2007	06/30/2007	200	27020240722	PDF
JULY QUARTERLY	AMEND	10/11/2007	03/15/2007	06/30/2007	192	27020143671	PDF
JULY QUARTERLY	AMEND	12/13/2007	03/15/2007	06/30/2007	4	27020400784	PDF
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		09/18/2007	03/15/2007	06/30/2007	3	280395720327	PDF
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		11/15/2007	03/15/2007	06/30/2007	3	27039563499	PDF
OCTOBER QUARTERLY		10/11/2007	07/01/2007	09/30/2007	134	27020383022	PDF
OCTOBER QUARTERLY	AMEND	10/11/2007	07/01/2007	09/30/2007	92	27020354063	PDF
TERMINATION REPORT		01/29/2008	10/01/2007	12/31/2007	84	28020053835	PDF

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BRUNING

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UNITED STATES SENATE

January 18, 2007

P.O. Box 84614 Lincoln, NE 68501-4614 • 402-438-2400

Mr. Travis Brown
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

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RE: Friends of Jon Bruning, FEC #C00433193

Dear Mr. Brown:

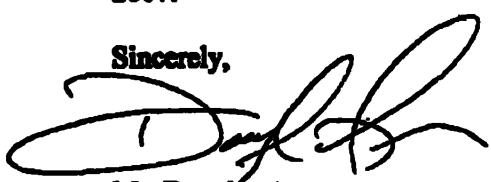
Please find enclosed the final report closing out the Friends of Jon Bruning candidate committee as of December 31, 2007. Mr. Bruning publicly withdrew from the Nebraska Senate race and ended his candidacy on November 21, 2007.

In accordance with 2 U.S.C. 433(d)(1), the committee will no longer receive any contributions or make any disbursements that would otherwise qualify it as a political committee. The committee has no outstanding debts or obligations.

The committee has no residual funds or non-cash assets remaining. Funds designated by contributors for the Primary election were transferred to an exploratory committee for a future election and funds designated for the General election were either refunded to the contributor, or, if the contributor requested in writing, redesignated to the exploratory committee for a future election. No non-cash assets have been converted to personal use.

In sum, please consider the Friends of Jon Bruning Committee closed as of December 31, 2007.

Sincerely,



Mr. Douglas Ayer
Treasurer
Friends of Jon Bruning

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Paid for by Friends of Jon Bruning. • Doug Ayer, Treasurer

Friends of Jon Bruning is required by federal law to report the name, address, occupation and employer of each individual who contributes over \$200 per election cycle. Contributions are not tax deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes. Contributions from corporations, foreign nationals (non green-card holders), labor unions and federal government contractors are prohibited.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20465

February 19, 2008

Douglas Ayer, Treasurer
Friends of Jon Bruning
P.O. Box 84614
Lincoln, NE 68501

Identification Number: C00433193

Reference: Termination Report (10/1/07 – 12/31/07)

Dear Treasurer:

Your committee's filing has been accepted as a termination. Your committee is no longer required to file reports on a periodic basis. If your committee has any remaining debts or residual funds, you are still responsible for settling all outstanding obligations and/or disposing of any residual funds. (11 CFR § 102.3(a)(1)) In addition, 2 U.S.C. § 432(d) and Sections 102.5(c) and 106.14(b)(3) of the Commission's Regulations require that you maintain your records and copies of reports for inspection for at least three (3) years. You may also be required to respond to Commission requests for information regarding your committee's federal election activity and previously filed reports.

If your committee again becomes active in federal elections, it will be required to re-register with the Commission in accordance with the Federal Election Campaign Act and applicable Regulations. Your committee will be treated as a new entity by the Commission and should register as a new committee on FEC FORM 1, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(g) and 433(a).

If you have any questions concerning your status and requirements, please contact the Reports Analysis Division on the toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1175.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis F. Brown".

Travis F. Brown
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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EXHIBIT 9

FEC
FORM 3

REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For An Authorized Committee

RECEIVED
SACRED TO THE SENATE

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1. NAME OF
COMMITTEE (In full)

USE FEC MAILING LABEL
OR TYPE OR PRINT □

Example: If typing, type
over the lines

Friends of Jon Bruning

ADDRESS (number and street)

PO Box 84614

Check if different
than previously
reported. (ACC)

Lincoln

NE

88501

2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

C00433193

CITY □

STATE □

ZIP CODE □
STATE □ DISTRICT

3. IS THIS
REPORT NEW
(N) OR AMENDED
(A)

NE □

4. TYPE OF REPORT (Choose One)

(a) Quarterly Reports:

- April 15 Quarterly Report (Q1)
 July 15 Quarterly Report (Q2)
 October 15 Quarterly Report (Q3)
 January 31 Year-End Report (YE)

Termination Report (TER)

(b) 12-Day PRE-Election Report for the:

- Primary (12P) General (12G) Runoff (12R)
 Convocation (12C) Special (12S)

Election on

□ □ □

In the
State of □

(c) 30-Day POST-Election Report for the:

- General (30G) Runoff (30R) Special (30S)

Election on

□ □ □

In the
State of □

5. Covering Period

10 01 2007

through

12 31 2007

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer

Signature of Treasurer

Date 01 27 2008

NOTE : Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Report to the penalties of 2 U.S.C 437g.

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(Revised 02/2003)

SUMMARY PAGE
of Receipts and Disbursements

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Write or Type Committee Name

Friends of Jon Bruning

Report Covering the Period: From:

M	M	D	D	V	V	V
10	01	2007				

 To:

M	M	D	D	V	V	V
12	31	2007				

	COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Election Cycle-to-Date
6. Net Contributions (other than loans)		
(a) Total Contributions (other than loans) (from Line 11(e)).....	56718.90	1001608.88
(b) Total Contribution Refunds (from Line 20(d)).....	22800.00	23200.00
(c) Net Contributions (other than loans) (subtract Line 6(b) from Line 6(a)).....	33918.90	978408.88
7. Net Operating Expenditures		
(a) Total Operating Expenditures (from Line 17).....	144128.77	316033.80
(b) Total Offsets to Operating Expenditures (from Line 14).....	0.00	0.00
(c) Net Operating Expenditures (subtract Line 7(b) from Line 7(a)).....	144128.77	316033.80
8. Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (from Line 27).....	0.00	
9. Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D).....	0.00	
10. Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D).....	0.00	

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DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE
of Disbursements

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II. DISBURSEMENTS	COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Election Cycle-to-Date
17. OPERATING EXPENDITURES.....	144128.77	316033.80
18. TRANSFERS TO OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES.....	0.00	0.00
19. LOAN REPAYMENTS:		
(a) Of Loans Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate.....	0.00	0.00
(b) Of all Other Loans.....	0.00	0.00
(c) TOTAL LOAN REPAYMENTS (add Lines 19(a) and (b)).....	0.00	0.00
20. REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO:		
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees.....	21800.00	22200.00
(b) Political Party Committees.....	0.00	0.00
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs).....	1000.00	1000.00
(d) TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (add Lines 20(a), (b), and (c)).....	22800.00	23200.00
21. OTHER DISBURSEMENTS.....	678251.49	678251.49
22. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (add Lines 17, 18, 19(c), 20(d), and 21) ▶	845180.26	1017485.29

III. CASH SUMMARY

23. CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD.....	782414.03
24. TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 16, page 3).....	62766.23
25. SUBTOTAL (add Line 23 and Line 24).....	845180.26
26. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 22).....	845180.26
27. CASH ON HAND AT CLOSE OF REPORTING PERIOD (subtract Line 26 from Line 25).....	0.00

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**SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3)
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS**

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FOR LINE NUMBER:
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20a 20b 20c 21

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Jon Bruning

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Jon Bruning Exploratory Committee

Mailing Address PO Box 84614

City Lincoln State NE Zip Code 68501-

Purpose of Disbursement
TRANSFER TO AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE

Candidate Name

Transaction ID: 80125.E863

Date of Disbursement

M / D / V
12 31 2007

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

677251.49

Refund or Disposal of Excess
Contributions Required Under
11 C.F.R. 400.53

Office Sought: House Primary Disbursement For: 2008
 Senate General
 President Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Friends of Erik Paulsen

Mailing Address PO Box 44369

City Eden Prairie State MN Zip Code 55344-1369

Purpose of Disbursement
CONTRIBUTION

Candidate Name

Transaction ID: 0121200847E741

Date of Disbursement

M / D / V
12 26 2007

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

1000.00

Refund or Disposal of Excess
Contributions Required Under
11 C.F.R. 400.53

Contribution

Office Sought: House Primary Disbursement For: 2008
 Senate General
 President Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

677251.49

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

677251.49

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FORM 3

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For An Authorized Committee

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1. NAME OF
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Example: If typing, type
over the lines

Friends of Jon Bruning

ADDRESS (number and street)

PO Box 84814

Check if different
than previously
reported. (ACC)

Lincoln

NE

68501

2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

C00433193

CITY □

STATE □

ZIP CODE □
STATE □ DISTRICT

3. IS THIS REPORT NEW (N) OR AMENDED (A)

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4. TYPE OF REPORT (Choose One)

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Election on

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in the
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in the
State of □

5. Covering Period

10 01 2007

through

12 31 2007

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer

Signature of Treasurer

Date

01 27 2008

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SUMMARY PAGE
of Receipts and Disbursements

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Write or Type Committee Name

Friends of Jen Brunting

Report Covering the Period: From:

M	M	10	01	Y	Y	Y	2007
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 To:

M	M	12	31	Y	Y	Y	2007
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9. Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D).....	0.00	
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Jon Bruning

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Ash Grove Cement PAC

Mailing Address John Woodfill
PO Box 25900

City Overland Park State KS Zip Code 66225-5900

Purpose of Disbursement
Refund of Contribution Refund of Contrib

Candidate Name

Office Sought: House
 Senate
 President
State: District:

Disbursement For: 2008
 Primary General
 Other (specify) ▾

Transaction ID: 0121200847E729
Date of Disbursement

12 20 2007

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

1000.00

Refund or Disposal of Excess
Contributions Required Under
11 C.F.R. 400.53

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

1000.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Jon Bruning

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Jason Anderson

Mailing Address 690 Pena Ln

City Lake Havasu City State AZ Zip Code 86406-8110

Purpose of Disbursement
Refund of Contribution Refund of Contrib
Candidate Name

Transaction ID: 0121200847E736
Date of Disbursement

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Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

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Refund or Disposal of Excess
Contributions Required Under
11 C.F.R. 400.53

Office Sought: House Senate President Disbursement For: 2008
 Primary General
 Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Dave Brown

Mailing Address 2865 Laurel St

City Lincoln State NE Zip Code 68502-5145

Purpose of Disbursement
Refund of Contribution Refund of Contrib
Candidate Name

Transaction ID: 0121200847E745
Date of Disbursement

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Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

2300.00

Refund or Disposal of Excess
Contributions Required Under
11 C.F.R. 400.53

Office Sought: House Senate President Disbursement For: 2008
 Primary General
 Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

C. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Blake Collingsworth

Mailing Address 9435 Hollow Tree Ct

City Lincoln State NE Zip Code 68512-9540

Purpose of Disbursement
Refund of Contribution Refund of Contrib
Candidate Name

Transaction ID: 0121200847E732
Date of Disbursement

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Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

2300.00

Refund or Disposal of Excess
Contributions Required Under
11 C.F.R. 400.53

Office Sought: House Senate President Disbursement For: 2008
 Primary General
 Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

5000.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Jon Brumag.

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Kathy Collingsworth		Transaction ID: 0121200847E733 Date of Disbursement <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>20</td> <td>2007</td> </tr> </table>		12	20	2007
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City Lincoln State NE Zip Code 68512-9540		Purpose of Disbursement Refund of Contribution Refund of Contrib Candidate Name				
Office Sought: <input type="checkbox"/> House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disbursement For: 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> Senate <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> President <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▼		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">010</div> Category/ Type				
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City Waterloo State NE Zip Code 68069-4662		Purpose of Disbursement Refund of Contribution Refund of Contrib Candidate Name				
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ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS**

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or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Jon Brumley

<p>A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Jim Gustafson</p> <p>Mailing Address 3328 N 133rd Cir</p> <p>City Omaha State NE Zip Code 68164-2495</p> <p>Purpose of Disbursement Refund of Contribution Refund of Contrib</p> <p>Candidate Name</p> <p>Office Sought: <input type="checkbox"/> House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senate <input type="checkbox"/> President Disbursement For: 2008 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▼</p> <p>State: District:</p>	<p>Transaction ID: 0121200847E752. Date of Disbursement MM/DD/YY 12/31/2007</p> <p>Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 2300.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Refund or Disposal of Excess Contributions Required Under 11 C.F.R. 400.53</p>
B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Kristen Gustafson	<p>Transaction ID: 0121200847E753 Date of Disbursement MM/DD/YY 12/31/2007</p> <p>Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 2300.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Refund or Disposal of Excess Contributions Required Under 11 C.F.R. 400.53</p>
C. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Terrence Haney	<p>Transaction ID: 0121200847E749 Date of Disbursement MM/DD/YY 12/31/2007</p> <p>Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 2300.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Refund or Disposal of Excess Contributions Required Under 11 C.F.R. 400.53</p>
<p>SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional) 6900.00</p> <p>TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only) 6900.00</p>	

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ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS**

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Detailed Summary Page

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Jon Bruning ++

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A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Nancy Osborne

Mailing Address 5400 Trotter Rd

City Lincoln State NE Zip Code 68516-3419

Purpose of Disbursement
Refund of Contribution Refund of Contrib
Candidate Name

010
Category/
Type

Transaction ID: 0121200847E731

Date of Disbursement

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Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

2300.00

Refund or Disposal of Excess
Contributions Required Under
11 C.F.R. 400.53

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Tom Osborne

Mailing Address 5400 Trotter Rd

City Lincoln State NE Zip Code 68516-3419

Purpose of Disbursement
Refund of Contribution Refund of Contrib
Candidate Name

010
Category/
Type

Transaction ID: 0121200847E730

Date of Disbursement

MM	DD	YY
12	20	2007

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

2300.00

Refund or Disposal of Excess
Contributions Required Under
11 C.F.R. 400.53

Office Sought: House
 Senate
 President
State: District:

Disbursement For: 2008
 Primary General
 Other (specify) ▼

Office Sought: House
 Senate
 President
State: District:

Disbursement For: 2008
 Primary General
 Other (specify) ▼

Office Sought: House
 Senate
 President
State: District:

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

4800.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

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EXHIBIT 11

FEC FORM 2
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

11 JAN -6 AM 11:37

1. (a) Name of Candidate (in full) Jon C. Bruning	2. Identification Number	
(b) Address (number and street) P.O. Box 83950	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if address changed	
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code Lincoln, NE 68501	3. Is This Statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> (A) or <input type="checkbox"/> Amended (A)	
4. Party Affiliation REP	5. Office Sought Senate	6. State & District of Candidate Nebraska

DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

7. I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the **2012** election(s).
(year of election)

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the appropriate office listed in the instructions.

(a) Name of Committee (in full)

Bruning for Senate Incorporated

(b) Address (number and street)

P.O. Box 83950

(c) City, State, and ZIP Code

Lincoln, NE 68501

DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

(including Joint Fundraising Representatives)

8. I hereby authorize the following named committee, which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy.

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the principal campaign committee.

(a) Name of Committee (in full)

(b) Address (number and street)

(c) City, State, and ZIP Code

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Candidate

Jon C. Bruning

Date

1-3-11

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to penalties of 21 U.S.C. § 875(c).

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FCC FORM 2 (REV. 12/02/02)

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EXHIBIT 12

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Bruning for Senate, Incorporated
P.O. Box 83800
Lincoln, NE 68501

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
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January 3, 2010

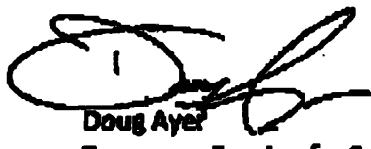
**Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
232 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-7116**

Madam Secretary:

Enclosed is FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization for Bruning for Senate, and FEC Form 2, Statement of Candidacy. We have enclosed a return envelope for your use in providing us with two date stamped copies of the forms.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Doug Ayer
Treasurer, Bruning for Senate

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FEC
FORM 1

STATEMENT OF
ORGANIZATION

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

11 JAN -6 AM 11:37

Office Use Only

1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) (Check if name is changed) Example: If type, type over the line.

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Bruning for Senate Incorporated

ADDRESS (number and street) P.O. Box 83850

(Check if address is changed)

Lincoln

NE 88501

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

COMMITTEE'S E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please provide only one e-mail address)

(Check if address is changed)

campaign@jonbruning.com

COMMITTEE'S WEB PAGE ADDRESS (URL)

(Check if address is changed)

www.jonbruning.com

2. DATE 01 03 2011

3. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER C

4. IS THIS STATEMENT NEW (N) OR AMENDED (A)

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer

Douglas R. Ayer

Signature of Treasurer

Date

01 03 2011

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

ANY CHANGE IN INFORMATION SHOULD BE REPORTED WITHIN 10 DAYS.

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For further information contact:
Federal Election Commission
Toll Free 800-434-9090
Local 202-694-1100

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(Revised 02/2009)

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5. TYPE OF COMMITTEE

Candidate Committee:

- (a) This committee is a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
(b) This committee is an authorized committee, and is NOT a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)

Name of Candidate

Jon C. Bruning.

Candidate Party Affiliation

REP.

Office Sought:

House

Senate

President

State

[REDACTED]

District

- (c) This committee supports/opposes only one candidate, and is NOT an authorized committee.

Name of Candidate

[REDACTED]

Party Committee:

- (d) This committee is a [REDACTED] (National, State or subordinate) committee of the [REDACTED] (Democratic, Republican, etc.) Party.

Political Action Committee (PAC):

- (e) This committee is a separate segregated fund. (Identify connected organization on line 6.) Its connected organization is:
 Corporation Corporation w/o Capital Stock Labor Organization
 Membership Organization Trade Association Cooperative
 In addition, this committee is a Lobbyist/Registrant PAC.
- (f) This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate, and is NOT a separate segregated fund or party committee. (i.e., nonconnected committee)
 In addition, this committee is a Lobbyist/Registrant PAC.
 In addition, this committee is a Leadership PAC. (Identify sponsor on line 6.)

Joint Fundraising Representative:

- (g) This committee collects contributions, pays fundraising expenses and disburses net proceeds for two or more political committees/organizations, none of which is an authorized committee of a federal candidate.
- (h) This committee collects contributions, pays fundraising expenses and disburses net proceeds for two or more political committees/organizations, none of which is an authorized committee of a federal candidate.

Committees Participating In Joint Fundraiser

1. [REDACTED] FEC ID number: [REDACTED] C [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] FEC ID number: [REDACTED] C [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] FEC ID number: [REDACTED] C [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED] FEC ID number: [REDACTED] C [REDACTED]

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Write or Type Committee Name

Bruning for Senate Incorporated

6. Name of Any Connected Organization, Affiliated Committee, Joint Fundraising Representative, or Leadership PAC Sponsor

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mailing Address

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Relationship: Connected Organization Affiliated Committee Joint Fundraising Representative Leadership PAC Sponsor

7. Custodian of Records: Identify by name, address (phone number – optional) and position of the person in possession of committee books and records.

Full Name

Mark Pedersen

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 83950

[REDACTED]
Lincoln

NE

68501

Title or Position

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Assistant Treasurer

Telephone Number **402-438-2400**

8. Treasurer: List the name and address (phone number – optional) of the treasurer of the committee; and the name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer).

Full Name
of Treasurer

Douglas R. Ayer

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 83950

[REDACTED]
Lincoln

NE

68501

Title or Position

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Treasurer

Telephone Number **402-438-2400**

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Full Name of
Designated
Agent Mark Pedersen

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 83950

Lincoln

CITY

NE

88501

ZIP CODE

Title or Position

Assistant Treasurer

Telephone number

402-438-2400

8. Banks or Other Depositories: List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.

Pinnacle Bank

Mailing Address

1401 N St.

Lincoln

CITY

NE

88508

ZIP CODE

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.

Mailing Address

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

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